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Representative LaKeshia Myers Issues Statement on the Passing of Civil Rights Icon Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

MADISON – Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee), issued the following statement on the passing of Mr. Vernon Jordan:

“Tonight, I mourn with the rest of the country the loss of Mr. Vernon Jordan. Mr. Jordan was not only a formidable civil rights icon, he was one of the architects in the continued legal struggle for modern day efficacy in the application of equity in our country. As a member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund’s Board of Directors, Vernon Jordan was an esteemed attorney who helped drive the advancement of civil rights in America over a storied career that included leadership roles at the National Urban League, the United Negro College Fund, and the NAACP.

I first met Mr. Jordan as a college student, when I traveled to the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, MA. It was there that Mr. Jordan took time to encourage me and affirm my love of the law and politics saying, *‘we have much further to go; as a people, we haven’t yet arrived and it will take the next generation of legal scholars to continue to make inroads for equity.’* Mr. Jordan and I remained in contact over the years, always making time to exchange pleasantries as we summered on the island of Martha’s Vineyard. He was never too busy to offer a kind word or some well-placed advice.

I offer my sincerest condolences to Ms. Ann, Vickee, and the entire Jordan family. You are in my prayers during this time of bereavement.”

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